

**Memorandum on Provision of  
Marine War Risk Insurance  
Coverage**

November 25, 2008

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the  
Secretary of Transportation, and the Director  
of the Office of Management and Budget*

*Subject:* Provision of Marine War Risk  
Insurance Coverage

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including 3 U.S.C. 301 and 46 U.S.C. chapter 539, I hereby approve the provision by the Secretary of Transportation of insurance or reinsurance of vessels (including cargo and crew) against loss or damage from war risks in the manner and to the extent provided in chapter 539 of title 46, United States Code, for trade in the Black Sea, whenever, after consultation with the Secretary of State, it appears to the Secretary of Transportation that such insurance adequate for the needs of the water-borne commerce of the United States cannot be obtained on reasonable terms and conditions from companies authorized to do insurance business in a State of the United States. To the extent individual policies involve an exposure in excess of the amounts available in the War Risk Revolving Fund, such policies may be issued only after consultation with the Office of Management and Budget. This approval to provide insurance or reinsurance is effective for 90 days, except that existing policies shall remain in force pursuant to the terms of these policies. I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority vested in me by 46 U.S.C. 53902 and 53905. The Secretary of Transportation is directed to bring the approval to the immediate attention of all U.S.-flag vessel operators and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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**Remarks at the Thanksgiving Turkey  
Presentation Ceremony**

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Thank you all. Please be seated. Welcome to the Rose Garden for the pardoning of the National Thanksgiving Turkey.

This is a tradition that dates back to the Presidency of Harry Truman. Just to be safe, I will be pardoning a second bird—[laughter]—in the unlikely event the main act chickens out. [Laughter] Turkeys are not only the ones on edge this morning; you see, it turns out the Rose Garden is Barney's turf. [Laughter] So the press corps is a little nervous as well. [Laughter]

I appreciate the representatives of the National Turkey Federation who have joined us: President Joel Brandenberger; Chairman Paul Hill; Paul's wife, Mary June. Today's birds were hatched on the Hill family farm in Ellsworth, Iowa. Paul's son, Nathan, and daughter-in-law, Betsy, along with grandsons Collin and Connor, did a fabulous job of raising the guests of honor.

I also welcome the children here from Cloverly Elementary School. And after I make my brief remarks, you will be welcome to come up and pet our feathered friends.

This is an election year, so it is fitting that the names of these two birds were chosen through the democratic process. After a long, drawn-out election season, when the people finally spoke, the name of the ticket sent here to the White House was Pumpkin and Pecan. [Laughter] Pumpkin is right there. [Laughter] Pecan is in an undisclosed location. [Laughter]

Pumpkin and Pecan have an exciting trip ahead of them. Later today they will fly to Disneyland aboard "Turkey One." [Laughter] Pumpkin will be the honorary grand marshal of Disneyland's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Together, these birds will gobble the rest of their days in "the happiest place on Earth." I just hope they stay humble there. [Laughter]

This is my final Thanksgiving as the President. Over the past 8 years, I have been given